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REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-13 and 15-19 remain in this application. Claim 8 has been cancelled. Claims 1, 10, 11 and 16 have been amended. Claims 1, 11 and 16 are independent claims.

In an Office action dated August 13, 2004, claims 1-11, 13, 15, 16, 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,638,313 to Freeman et al. Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Freeman et al. in view of Prager et al., while claim 17 was rejected over Freeman et al. in view of Jackson, Jr. et al. In response, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 11 and 16 and dependent claim 10 to more clearly distinguish the present invention from the cited prior art. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendments and in view of the remarks that follow.

A. Patentability of Claim 1

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of original claim 8. The claimed method includes displaying a stack of partially overlapping images that are directly representative of display information of memory-stored items and includes revealing an increased portion of such image in response to detecting that the display icon is positioned in alignment with the image. By amendment, the method of claim 1 also includes presenting file information regarding the memory-stored items, with the file information presentations being implemented separately from but in correspondence with the revealing of the increased portions of the images as the display icon is moved. The file information includes at least one of the file name, the stored location and the file size. Since the "presenting" step is separate from the "revealing" step of claim 1, the two steps must be considered separately. That is, the file information presentations are in addition to the image revelations. Support for the amendment to claim 1 may be found in claim 8 as originally filed and in Fig. 3, which shows the file information presentation (72) as being in addition to and in correspondence with the revelation of the increased portion of the image (64).

In rejecting original claim 8, the Office action stated that Freeman et al. discloses that the document which is presented comprises file information accessed from memory. The Office action states that the file